

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 BONN 00674 131602Z

ACTION NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 W

-----007559 131604Z /45

O 131537Z JAN 78

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4741

S E C R E T BONN 00674

NODIS-

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IT, GW

SUBJECT: ITALIAN SITUATION - CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES

REF: (A) STATE 8959, (B) BONN 553, (C) ROME 684,
(D) BONN 629

1. WHEN I SAW STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL BRIEFLY JANUARY 12, I GAVE HIM TEXT OF STATEMENT TO BE MADE LATER THAT DAY BY DEPARTMENT ON ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION (AS NOTED REF D, WE ALSO PASSED TEXT TO WORKING LEVEL IN FOREIGN OFFICE). VAN WELL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TIMELY NOTIFICATION AND REITERATED VIEWS HE HAD GIVEN ME PREVIOUS DAY CONCERNING FRG'S EVALUATION OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SCENE (REF B).

2. I TALKED AGAIN WITH VAN WELL JANUARY 13 TO PASS ON TO HIM GIST OF REF A, NOTING THAT WE WERE ALSO APPROACHING FRENCH AND BRITISH AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY VIEWS AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE DONE INDIVIDUALLY OR TOGETHER TO PROTECT ALLIANCE INTERESTS IN CONNECTION WITH ITALIAN DEVELOPMENTS.

3. VAN WELL SAID THERE HAD BEEN POLICY MEETING IN FOREIGN OFFICE MORNING OF JANUARY 13 AT WHICH U.S.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BONN 00674 131602Z

STATEMENT ON ITALIAN SITUATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO WHAT MIGHT BE DONE BY FRG. ON LATTER POINT, VAN WELL SAID MEETING HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO EXPRESS FRG CONCERNS ABOUT ENHANCED COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN ITALIAN GOVERNING PROCESS THROUGH CHANNEL OF FRG POLITICAL PARTIES IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH ITALIAN PARTIES. HE EXPECTED

THAT SOME ACTIVITY IN THIS DIRECTION WOULD BE FORTH-COMING IN NEAR FUTURE. VAN WELL INDICATED THAT FRG FELT IT INADVISABLE FOR FRG GOVERNMENT TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ITALIAN SITUATION, AND HE CITED RATIONALE EXPRESSED REF C IN SUPPORT OF THIS VIEW.

4. VAN WELL NOTED THAT PSI LEADER CRAXI WOULD BE VISITING BONN WITHIN WEEK OR TWO ON INVITATION OF SPD. VAN WELL SAID THAT TOP SPD LEADERS, INCLUDING MOST EMPHATICALLY CHANCELLOR HIMSELF, FIRMLY OPPOSE LINE ESPOUSED BY PSI FAVORING GREATER COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND HE EXPECTED THAT CRAXI WOULD BE ADVISED OF THIS POSITION IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS.

5. IN CONCLUSION, VAN WELL REPEATED WHAT HE HAS TOLD ME PREVIOUSLY THAT FRG FEELS ANDREOTTI IS COMMITTED TO OPPOSE ANY COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HIS PRESENT ESTIMATE IS THAT ANDREOTTI PROBABLY WILL END UP BY FORMING ANOTHER DC MINORITY GOVERNMENT AND THAT THERE MAY BE SOME ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BROADER CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER PARTIES, INCLUDING PCI, ON GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, BUT THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL AGREEMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT LONDON, PARIS AND ROME.

STOESSEL

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 BONN 00674 131602Z

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ALLIANCE, MEETINGS, POLITICAL SITUATION, COMMUNISTS, CAT-A
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BONN00674
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: N780001-0377
Format: TEL
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780167/aaaacecd.tel
Line Count: 94
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d32afce3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 78 STATE 8959, 78 BONN 553, 78 ROME 684, 78 BONN 629
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3779535
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ITALIAN SITUATION - CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, IT, GE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d32afce3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014